

## IN THE ABSTRACT

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### CLEAN VERSION OF ABSTRACT

--For always executing an efficient and appropriate error compensation process and improving the convenience of the user, an image processing apparatus and a method enters encoded image data including a marker code for a resynchronizing process with one picture, detects a code error in the encoded image data, and discriminates whether or not to execute an error compensation process utilizing the marker code according to a result of the detection and an attribute of the encoded image data.--